

April 28, 1954

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Dear Dr. Dienes:

Thank you for your letter of April 21.

I am sorry that I do not have any cultures or phages of *B. megaterium* and cannot therefore meet your request. Perhaps Dr. Philip Cowles at Yale University would be able to help you, or alternatively Dr. Max Delbruck at the California Institute of Technology, who is in close touch with Dr. Lwoff.

You also mentioned your interest in lysogenic typhoid. I have not myself worked extensively with this *Salmonella* species. As you know, almost every culture of *Salmonella typhimurium* is lysogenic. I believe I did send you some cultures of the material we had been working with some time ago, but if you have ^{some} specific requirements that we can fulfill, I will be glad to send them.

I am sorry that I will not be attending the meetings at Pittsburgh.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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P.S. I trust you will have noted the abstract in the Bacteriological Proceedings by Hutchinson, on the failure to find any genetic evidence of sexual behavior of large bodies. In view of your previous experiments with *Proteus*, I suppose this is no surprise.

J.L.